

## Lesson Plan

### Korean War Context

**Book:** *The Korean War*

**Series:** Postwar America

**Level:** Navigator

### Objective

To help students put events that took place before, during, and after the Korean War in chronological order on a timeline.

### Supplies

- *The Korean War* book
- Korean War Events List (attached)
- Korean War Timeline (attached)
- Scissors
- Tape

### Before the Activity

Read through *The Korean War*, or assign it to students to read on their own. Divide students into groups of three or four. Print a copy of the Korean War Events List and the Korean War Timeline for each group.

### Activity

The Korean War lasted from 1950 to 1953. Many important battles and decisions took place throughout this war. Several key events and decisions came before and after it as well. The Korean War Events List has several of these important moments. However, they are in the wrong order. Give each group an events list, a timeline, a pair of scissors, and a roll of tape. Ask students to cut out the events and put them in the correct order on the timeline page. Students should tape the events to the timeline to help them stay. They can look through *The Korean War* book to find information.

### Evaluation

Collect the completed timelines and use the attached answer key to give students 1 point for each correctly ordered event, for up to 14 points total.

### Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grade 5 (RI 5.3).

## **Answer Key**

1. World War II ends.
2. The Cold War begins.
3. Korea is split by the United States and the Soviet Union.
4. Two separate governments are created.
5. Communist guerillas attack the south.
6. North Korea invades the south.
7. UN troops defend South Korea.
8. North Korea overtakes South Korea's capital, Seoul.
9. The UNC launches a surprise attack and overtakes Inchon.
10. The UNC retakes Seoul.
11. UNC forces invade North Korea.
12. The armies reach a stalemate, and leaders begin peace talks.
13. Leaders decide to keep Korea divided at the 38th parallel indefinitely with a DMZ.
14. Leaders from the United States, North Korea, and China sign an official peace treaty.

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## Korean War Timeline

